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ACTIVITIES OF SPICES BOARD IN M.P.
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of cardamom produced through the research by the Spices Board in 2000-2001;

(b) whether any regional office of Spices Board is functioning in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if not, whether the Government are considering to open regional office in Madhya Pradesh;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be opened;

(e) the number of workshops being organised by the Spices Board in Madhya Pradesh and the date on which these would be organised in future; and

(f) the activities being undertaken by the Spices Board in Madhya Pradesh alongwith the facilities being provided to the farmers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

a) The production of cardamom attributable to research is not quantifiable. The findings of research by the Spices Board indirectly contribute to increase in production and productivity of cardamom. The total quantity of cardamom (small) produced during 2000-01 was 10480 MTs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

c)& d) Do not arise.

e)One workshop was oragnised by the Spices Board in Madhya Pradesh to promote export of spices to Latin American countries. Another workshop is proposed at Ratlam in collaboration with Divisional Industries Association, Ratlam and Department of Industries, Government of Madhya Pradesh.

f)The facilities proposed to be provided to the farmers in Madhya Pradesh include post harvest training programmeson seed spices, garlic, chilli etc; infrastructure development programmes like construction of drying yards and supply of polythene sheets to the growers of chilli and seed spices; conducting workshops and seminars for the benefit of growers /exporters; dissemination of information on market development schemes of the Spices Board etc.